



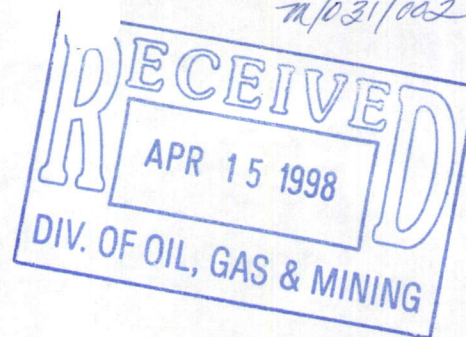
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RE: Surety Bond No. ~

Dear Ms. Tolentino,

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining has forwarded to me your March 24, 1998, Notice of Cancellation of the above numbered surety bond. The bond is held by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration and was accepted by the Director on June 4, 1990 to ensure obligations of the Lessee, Interstate Brick Company, under mineral leases ML 7280, ML 17215, ML 17637, ML 17992 and ML 18038.

Bond of Lessee No. _____ may not be canceled by the Surety and remains in effect so long as the Lessee has obligations to the Lessor under the mineral leases, unless formally released by the Director. The bond may be released upon the satisfactory posting of a replacement bond with the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration.

To the best of my knowledge, Interstate brick Company has remaining lease obligations only under ML 7280 and ML 17637. A satisfactory replacement bond should cover these two leases.

Please contact me if you have any questions in this matter.

Sincerely,

John T. Blake

cc: Wayne Hedberg